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Summary

Substantial progress has been made on developing analytical models for grid and truss structures. In references [1], [2], inverse problems for stiffness and damping in plates and grids are addressed. The question of stable approximations (needed in feedback control problems) for hyperbolic systems is explored in [3]. The results obtained in such studies were used in control calculations for structures with piezoceramic actuators discussed in [6], [8]. The difficulties when one chooses the inappropriate approximation scheme in either an estimation problem or a feedback control problem are illustrated in [5].

Homogenization techniques for grids and trusses have been a major focus of our efforts. In [4] we use these homogenization ideas with experimental data from 2-D grid experiments to demonstrate the accuracy of the models in predicting frequencies. A full theoretical treatment of the model development is given in [9].

The homogenization ideas of [4] and [9] and the piezoceramic actuator models of [6], [8] are intimately related in the following way. Future smart material structures will be constructed from composite materials with micro units (piezo sensory/actuator elements) imbedded in a regular (checkerboard) pattern that will be appropriately modeled by homogenization methods. Our efforts are turning to these ideas now and the experiences

from the efforts of [4], [6], [8], [9] will be extremely valuable in the development of this emerging technology.

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